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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-24 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled all of the pending claims 1, 3-12, and 14-24 without prejudice; and added new claims 44-47. Thus, any of the objections and rejections applicable to the cancelled claims are moot.


Applicant has added new claims 44-47, which Applicant submits define an invention that is not anticipated by, and is nonobvious over, the cited references of record, taken singularly or in combination. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by the addition of the new claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 17-0026. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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